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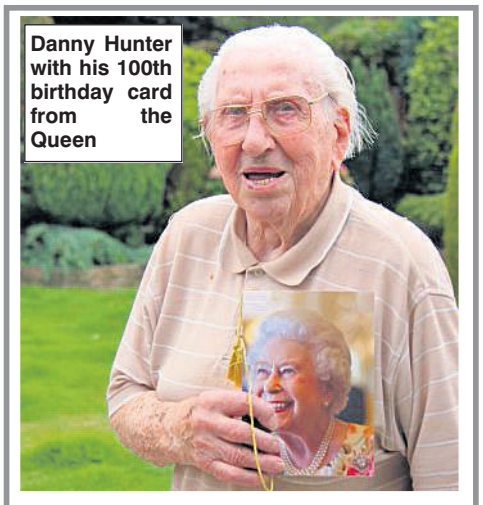
Dancers have the world at their feet!



Danny Hunter with his 100th birthday card from the Queen

Danny toasts 100th birthday with a pint of shandy!

A FORMER shopkeeper from Burscough celebrated his 100th birthday with a meal with friends, a pint of shandy and a card from the Queen.

Daniel Hunter, who is still a keen gardener despite his advanced age, is a familiar figure in the village, having run his shop on the corner of Lord Street from the 1930s to the 1970s.

The outbreak of war saw Danny, as he is known to his many friends, called up and he initially served as a corporal in the 144 Regiment, later becoming a driver in the Royal Tank Regiment.

He described his time with the amphibious unit, known as an 'American buffalo', as "like being part of a family - the four of you in the tank live and eat together."

As well as gardening, Danny is a wildlife lover and also attends weekly services at Burscough Methodist Church.

He married his sweetheart, Joan Molyneaux,

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£2.4M! WHAT NHS TRUST HAD TO COUGH UP TO SACK HOSPITAL BOSSES

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust had to cough up an astonishing £2.4 million over the two-year exclusions saga which ended in the dismissal of its chief executive and three top officers.

Jonathan Parry, along with chief operating officer, Sheilah Finnegan, human resources director, Sharon Partington and deputy director of performance, Richard McCarthy, all were suspended in August 2015 following whistle-blowing allegations.

The full cost of the investigation to the trust, including lawyers, was £1.39 million but the Champion can reveal that a further £1m was spent paying suspended staff during the process.

An 18-month investigation revealed that neither Richard McCarthy nor Sheilah Finnegan were found to have done anything wrong.

Sharon Partington, who has since retired, was found through an independent panel, to have been guilty of a failure to follow human resources due process in relation to recruitment and disciplinary procedures on several occasions, as well as being found to have negligently failed to maintain a grip of a key national HR project leading to potential financial loss to the trust.

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'I'm surprised by trust's actions' says former chairman and top consultant, Andrew Johnson

ANDREW Johnson, a former consultant who retired as chairman of Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust in 2007, contacted the Champion to express his 'surprise' at the report's findings.

Mr Johnson, a former boss of sacked chief executive Jonathan Parry, said: "I am surprised that three outside bodies were brought in one after another, at considerable cost to an already underfunded NHS, to investigate the allegations made. The hospital was hit with a £2.4 million bill - that is £2.4 million less to look after patients."

And he appeared to offer support to Mr Parry as he battles to clear his name. He said: "I read about the dismissal of Jonathan Parry in the Champion with some disbelief.

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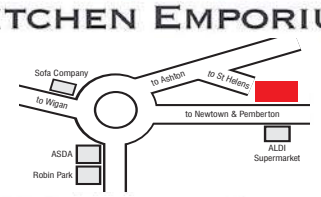

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Rail users advised to plan ahead during latest strike action

Report by **Henry James**

Train companies say they'll try to keep passengers on the move

MERSEYTRAVEL is urging people to plan their train journeys and check before they travel ahead of planned strike action on both the Merseyrail network on and Northern services.

Merseyrail services will be affected on Saturday, July 8 and Monday, July 10, while Northern Services will also be affected on those days as well as Sunday, July 9.

The dispute is over plans to introduce driver-only operated trains.

While train users will obviously be most directly impacted, the whole transport network is expected to be busier as people seek alternative travel options.

Most Merseyrail services are planned to run every half-hour from around 7am to 7pm and services will not stop at some stations. Passengers are strongly advised to check the Merseyrail website and Twitter feed before travelling as it is possible that timetables will change prior to, as well as during, strike action.

Meanwhile, passengers who travel with Northern are also advised to check before they travel as the company is planning on running more than 40 per cent of services on revised timetables between 7am and 7pm on both Saturday, July 8 and Monday, July 10 and between 9am and 5pm on Sunday, July 9.

Services by other mainline train operators will continue to run as normal.

Both train companies say rail stations could be busier as a result of the reduced services and are asking passengers not to aim for the last scheduled train to get them to their destination on time but to get there early.

They advise that buses could be a good alternative with an extensive network across the region.

The advice is to stick to public transport wherever possible in order to reduce congestion in key routes.

However, if you have no option but to drive, consider car sharing, also speak to your employer about the possibility of flexibility in working hours or the possibility of working from home.

For the latest information on Merseyrail services visit their website or follow @Merseyrail on Twitter. You can also call 0151 555 1111.

For Northern services details go to their website; follow @northernassist on Twitter or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.

You can use Merseytravel's journey planner to see the travel options and visit the travelling around section of the website for more details on routes and timetables.

Information about services during the planned industrial action on Sunday, July 23 will be published nearer the time.

Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde, managing director at Merseyrail, said: "The Merseyrail team has put together the best possible timetable that we can to provide a limited train service on both strike days."

Sharon Keith, regional director at Northern, commented: "We are doing everything we can to keep our customers on the move during the three days of industrial action affecting our network.

"We will be running more than 40 per cent of our usual services, but those trains that do run will be on an amended timetable and are likely to be extremely busy."

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The Financial Dangers of Separation without Divorce

So many people avoid divorce proceedings because of the financial and emotional stress that it brings on, without necessarily appreciating that separating without a formal divorce process can be financially disastrous.

Very recently there was a case where a couple were married for only 3 weeks, but were separated for 30 years. The fallout from their marriage continues.

Although the husband had since died, because the wife remained a wife, and not a widow, she had a claim against the estate. Of course the assets of the man who died were radically different from the assets of the man that she married.

The implications of remaining married long term, yet living separately, are wide.

Both parties have a right to live in the house they share after separation, and can move back in if they want. Until they are divorced, couples remain financially linked, with often both jointly responsible for a mortgage. If one stops paying, or gets into other debt it can adversely affect the credit rating of the other.

There are also stamp duty implications – if the one who leaves wants to buy a new house they have to pay the 3% levy for second homes.

Of course if your finances get an awful lot better after separation, or indeed an awful lot worse it can impact on your spouse. If one party goes wild with spending and significantly diminishes their assets then the other one may be ordered to prop them up. There is a case going through the appeal courts on exactly that point at the moment, where a man, many years after divorce, is finding himself having to assist his former wife as no clean break had been made.

Even after death, if the finances haven't been sorted out appropriately there is a risk that the surviving spouse can make a claim on an estate.

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Muddy marvellous!

Family tackle cancer charity fundraiser in memory of Hannah

THE family of an inspirational cancer blogger who passed away earlier this year are hoping to raise thousands for charity after taking on a muddy obstacle course in her memory.

Hannah Lyson, from Burscough, campaigned to raise awareness of bowel and liver cancer before sadly losing her own personal battle with the disease in January aged just 20.

Her mum Beth, 56, two of her five sisters, Louise, 36 and Heather, 28, and her auntie Jayne, 48, took part in Cancer Research UK's Pretty Muddy event on Saturday (July 1) in Liverpool to raise funds for the charity.

Thanks to pledges of support the quartet had already reached their original target of £1,000 before taking part in the mud-themed 5k obstacle course, cheered on by Hannah's dad, Paul.

Now they have reached almost £2,000, but donations are still flooding in.

Tesco worker, Beth, told the Champion that she first thought about tackling the course when she saw photos of last year's event while she was at hospital supporting Hannah during chemotherapy.

Hannah suggested that they do it together the following year and Beth believes she was with them in spirit when the family took part.

She said: "I really needed to do this for Hannah as it was something that we had agreed to do together. I mentioned it when she was receiving treatment in hospital and she laughed at first then said we could do it together the next year, when she was better.

Heather, Jayne, Louise, Beth and Hayley cross the finishing line after completing the Pretty Muddy event

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

"Sadly that just wasn't meant to be but I knew she'd be watching over us all and saying, go on mum!

"As a family we are very keen to keep raising awareness of the symptoms of cancer and funds to pay for research.

"It's only when a loved one has had treatment fail that you realise how important fundraising to find cures really is.

"Hannah never gave up, even when she was told that she could have no more chemotherapy, she was still determined and positive. She touched so many people, she was such an inspiration and we want to carry on her legacy.

"We had a great day. We met a young lady called Hayley Cooke from the Warrington area who tagged along with us and learned all about Hannah.

"She was so moved that when she got home she put a lovely message on her Facebook page asking all her friends to read about Hannah and donate.

"Subsequently the Just Giving page has had another burst of donations from Hayley's friends and the total is now £1,478. We have £250 in cash to add to that and we're hoping to reach £2,000!"

MP slams move to close police station front desk

WEST Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, has condemned the decision to close the front desk at Ormskirk Police Station.

A report by Lancashire's police and crime commissioner and Lancashire Constabulary last week revealed plans to reduce the number of front counters at police stations in the county, including the one at Ormskirk.

It follows the closure of Ormskirk Magistrates' Court in 2016 and has been put down to the £75 million budget cuts Lancashire Police have experienced since 2010, with another £17m of cuts to be made by 2020.

'Worrying'

Ms Cooper said: "My priority is to ensure that local residents have local access to the police. This decision marks a worrying trend in the treatment of those who live in West Lancashire.

"The report states that alternative ways of reporting crime are becoming more common, with telephone contact centres dealing with more than 2,400 calls every day. This is often because local residents simply have no choice. When they phone police stations they often only get answerphones, when what they need is a real person to speak to!

"With further cuts from central government likely, West Lancashire will continue to see its transport links under threat. With few buses and no rail station, do we really expect Ormskirk's residents to use an alternative front desk, nearly six miles away in Skelmersdale?

"This is the thin edge of the wedge. How long before the police are talking about the closure of the station?

"There are questions that need to be answered. Residents need a fully-operational police force where they can speak directly to officers, not an answerphone."

Danny celebrates his century with a shandy

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at Ormskirk Parish Church after the Second World War broke out and they enjoyed a happy marriage until she passed away aged 91.

"I had a wonderful life with my Joan, we really were very happy together and we thought the world of each other."

And he has no plans to hang up his gardening gloves yet.

"I'm still a keen gardener and very precise. I like my grass to be flat and neat and I also love growing fruit and vegetables. I'm currently growing tomatoes in the greenhouse and my new potatoes are absolutely delicious!"

And, thanks to his mobility scooter, Danny still manages to get out and about. He said: "I still like to be independent so I go out each week on my scooter.

"My wonderful friends took me out for a meal and a pint of my favourite shandy for my 100th birthday - but it was just the one, that's my limit these days!"

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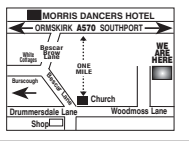

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Village show to have farm theme

THIS year's Parbold Village Show, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9 at Alder Lane playing fields will have a 'Down on the Farm' theme.

Running from 1 to 5pm on Saturday and from noon on Sunday, it will feature rare breeds of animals, donkey rides and birds of prey, as well as a barbecue, bar, street food, bouncy castles, fair rides and entertainment for all ages.

One of the organisers, David Pryer, said: "The farm theme seems to have caught everyone's imagination. With scarecrows throughout the village acting as reminders of the event and four local schools enthused, it seems everyone is going to have a great time.

"On Saturday the West Lancashire Dog Display team will perform and there will be farm animals from the Rare Breeds Trust, Blackpool donkey rides, stalls and refreshments.

"Sunshine Sunday starts at noon with local DJs and the best of local music talent alongside the Louis Simpson football tournament arranged by Active Soccer."

Independents win second seat on borough council

THE Our West Lancashire group now have a second representative on West Lancs Council following the by-election in the Derby ward on Thursday, June 29.

Ian Davis won the seat for the independents, receiving 705 votes, 109 ahead of Labour's George Oliver on 596 with the Conservatives' Jane Houlgrave in third place with 362 votes.

Conservative Paul Greenall had previously held the seat but prompted the by-election when he stood down from the borough council after being elected to Lancashire County Council.

Speaking after his victory, Ian Davis said: "What an achievement, we polled votes from every section of the community and from both the Conservative and Labour parties.

"We can now make good progress but we need more support to strengthen our team and would welcome new independent-thinking people who can join us and contribute to achieving more success.

"We look forward to working with West Lancs Borough Council in a positive manner to achieve a better West Lancashire for all its residents."

Fellow Derby ward representative, Councillor Adrian Owens added: "This is a fantastic result for Our West Lancashire which was only established two years ago.

Ian Davis (centre) is congratulated by fellow members of Our West Lancashire

"Our support is growing and any resident who is civic minded and wants the best local services for residents would be made very welcome if they joined us. Together, people with a positive approach that focuses on delivery of local services rather than political point-scoring can achieve a lot in these uncertain times."

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The new bistro follows hot on the heels of several other changes to the catering at Dunscar, including a high quality carvery on Sundays and Fish and Chip Frydays in the Garden Café. Most of the food on the menu of the Garden Café is home-made, including the very popular cakes, pies and quiches. The Garden Café is open 7 days a week.

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The 34-strong squad from the Kelly Shirley School of Dance in Ringtail Road, Burscough, won both the senior and junior trophies when they represented Team England at the finals of the Dance World Cup in Germany at the week-long contest which finished on Saturday, July 1.

The dancers, whose ages range from eight to 18, faced tough competition against some 12,000 rivals from 47 countries, before being crowned Dance World Cup 2017 senior and junior champions.

Dance school owner, Kelly Tobin, said: "This is the second time that we've made it through to the finals of the greatest all-genre dance competition in the world.

"In 2015, at the Dance World Cup in Bucharest, we won numerous medals for Team England and returned home as world champions.

"I thought that we couldn't beat that but this time we've actually come home as double world champions!"

Above: The senior team from the Kelly Shirley School of Dance celebrate success at the Dance World Cup Germany 2017. Below: The school's junior squad who also triumphed to make it a memorable double.

Afghanistan veteran Mark receives MBE in special palace ceremony

A SOLDIER who was injured in Afghanistan and has since raised thousands of pounds for charity by taking on the world's toughest endurance challenges has been presented with the MBE at a special ceremony at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh.

Colour serjeant Mark Holloway, 33, who lives in Burscough, was awarded the honour in the New Year Honours List.

Mark *(pictured, left)* was seriously injured by an improvised explosive device (IED) while serving with the 2nd Battalion The Rifles in December, 2011 and feared that he might have to have his arm amputated.

He took part in the North West's first Tough Mudder event in Cheshire in 2012 with his brother and since then has completed four of the World's Toughest Mudder events.

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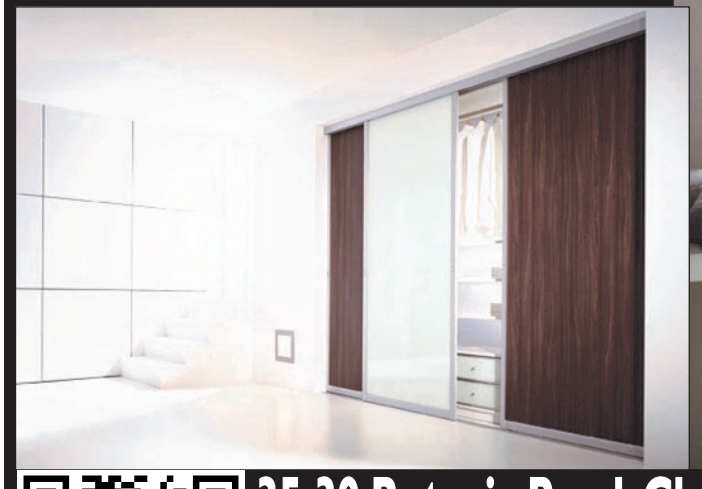

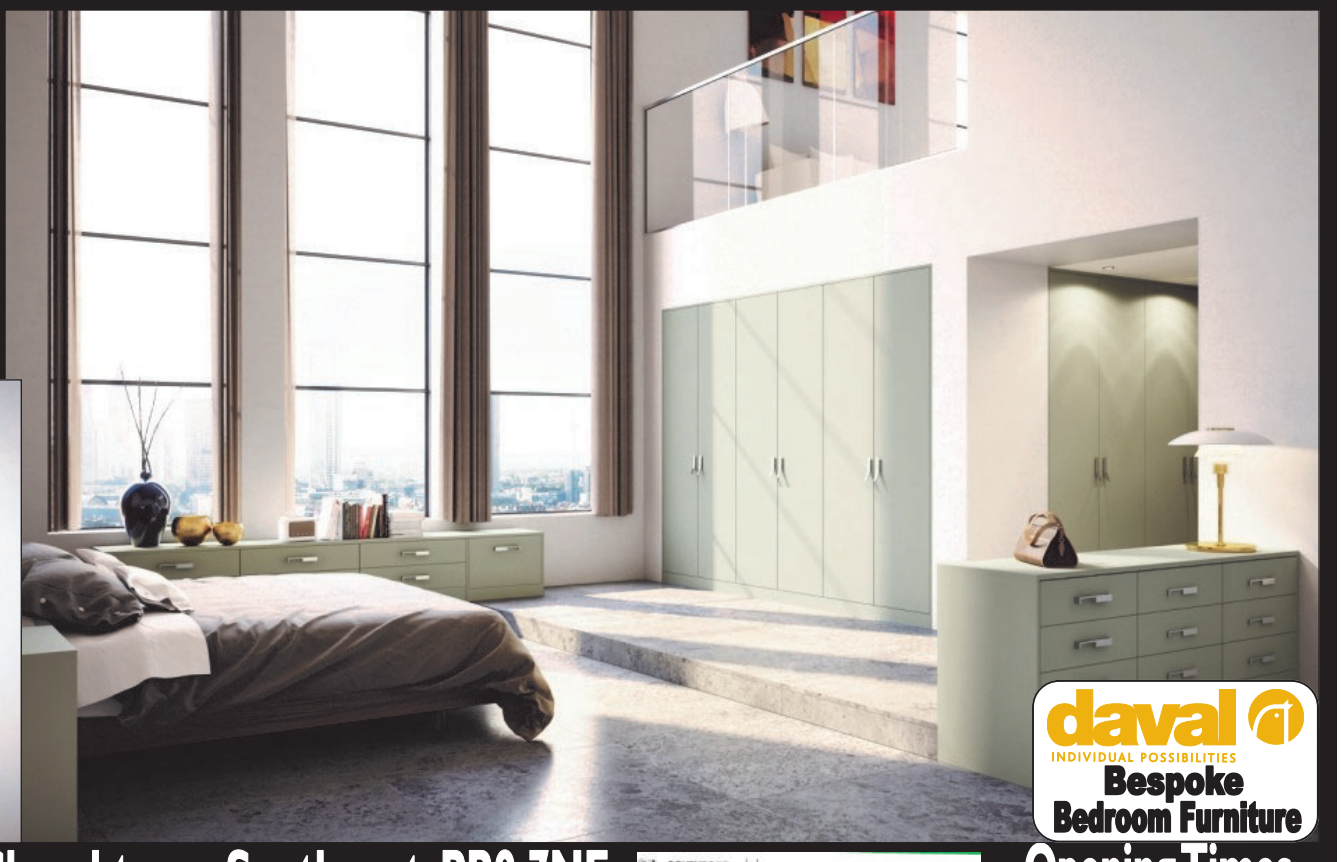

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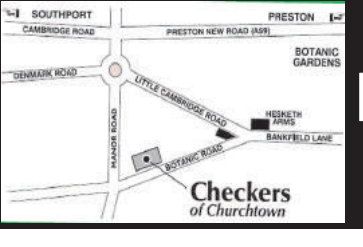

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Former boss still seeking to challenge sacking

JONATHAN Parry maintains he will continue to try and find a way of challenging his sacking.

He said: "I dispute the disciplinary findings against me and continue to try and fund a High Court challenge to both the process and the outcome.

"I am mindful that any legal challenge would involve the trust in further use of financial resources that I believe should be spent on patients and staff.

"The cost incurred by the trust in pursuing the action against the four senior managers are exorbitant and a waste of public money.

"I did enquire, while in post as the accountable officer, whether the appointment of the Good Governance Institute was subject to competitive tender, but received no answer.

"The same question should now apply to all of the £1.4 million expended in legal investigations and interim managers as I doubt this achieved best value in any sense of the phrase."

Mr Parry claimed: "When the new chairman joined the trust in 2014 it became apparent that despite my 35-year senior management experience, the chairman and the non-executive directors did not want me to continue as CEO.

"I was offered a deal by the CEO of the NHS to leave my employment which I reluctantly accepted. The deal was in compliance with my contract of employment and would have paid me 12 months salary to resign.

"The trust subsequently ignored the deal and spent £1.4 million and well over 12 months pursuing what it termed 'whistle-blowing.'

"Whistle-blowing is an important policy for all public bodies and I support its intent and contributed to the drafting of the trust's policy.

"The policy contains a section that allows the trust to take action against individuals invoking it for malicious purposes.

"The trust has chosen not to invoke that section of the policy in this regard."

Full cost of whistle-blowing saga revealed

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Despite an appeal by Jonathan Parry, an independent panel found that he had committed gross misconduct. He was dismissed without notice.

The nature of the findings against the former chief executive were that he had negligently breached the trust's governance arrangements on a number of occasions.

In what trust bosses referred to as a 'Concluding statement on the whistle-blowing investigation' the report found that Mr Parry had also 'failed to comply with the trust and the NHS's conduct requirements in his approach to whistle-blowing complaints; failed to meet required conduct standards in his behaviour towards colleagues; and breached his duty of confidentiality towards the trust.'

As the trust has previously confirmed, no aspect of the whistle-blowing complaints, investigation or disciplinary processes related to issues of patient care or safety.

The trust also confirmed that neither the former chief executive nor the former director of HR and communications derived a personal benefit from their actions.

Richard Fraser, trust chair, said: "Throughout this process, the trust has aimed to ensure fairness to the individuals concerned while acknowledging a legitimate public interest in the timescale and costs involved.

"We believe by disclosing this new information we are meeting that public interest. The trust does not consider that it would be in the public interest to provide any further information. No further comment will be made on this matter."

In total, including both legal fees and funding of independent panels, the final bill for the hospital was £1,394,355. Added to that were the salaries paid to all four staff who were suspended with pay and pension, thought to be in excess of £1 million.

Ex-chairman 'surprised' by trust's actions

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"I was the chairman of the Southport and Ormskirk Trust from 1999 until 2007, appointed after 20 years as a consultant surgeon at Ormskirk Hospital.

"During my time as chairman I worked closely with Jonathan Parry and knew the others involved in the disciplinary proceedings well.

"I have no knowledge of what happened after I left the trust and rely largely on what I have read in the press to know what has happened recently. I do know, however, that both Mr Parry and Ms Partington – along with all the executive directors - worked hard to provide the people served by the trust with the highest possible care and to ensure that the trust staff were well looked after. During my time as chairman, I found Mr Parry to be scrupulously honest with a determination to follow NHS procedures.

"His tenure of 24 years as a CEO firstly of the Southport and Formby Trust and then of the combined trust would suggest a degree of confidence in him by a series of trust boards.

"I am surprised that three outside bodies were brought in one after another at considerable cost to an already underfunded NHS, to investigate the allegations made. The Champion states that the hospital was hit by a £2.4 million bill - that is £2.4 million less to look after patients.

"It is a pity that Mr Parry's long and distinguished career in public service should end in the way it has, not only at considerable personal cost to Mr Parry, but at significant financial cost to the NHS."

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Town-centre preview display will launch countdown to MotorFest

MOTORING fans can get a mouthwatering preview of what they can expect at this year's Ormskirk MotoFest when a fantastic line-up of cars will be on show in the town this Saturday (July 8).

One of the biggest free family events in the North West, the Ormskirk MotorFest 2017 will take place on Sunday, August 27 when thousands of visitors are expected to flock to the town to see more than 300 cars and motorcycles from all eras on display in Coronation Park and the town centre.

To give people a taste of what this year's MotorFest will have to offer a selection of competition and classic vehicles will be displayed on Saturday on Moorgate, close to the Queens Head pub, to officially launch the countdown to the event.

Visitors and vehicles on show at last year's Ormskirk MotorFest town centre display

Glimpse

This display is organised every year to preview the MotorFest and to support National Motorsport Week.

Ormskirk MotorFest is organised by Aintree Circuit Club with the support of West Lancs Borough Council.

Councillor John Hodson, whose cabinet responsibilities include the MotorFest, said: "There will be some marvellous vehicles on display in Ormskirk on Saturday and this line-up is a great way of giving people a glimpse of what they could see at the MotorFest.

"With so many thousands of visitors expected to come to Ormskirk for the MotorFest, we hope that town centre businesses will take advantage of this great opportunity and open up on MotorFest day."

Mike Ashcroft, Aintree Circuit Club chairman, added: "We are planning some great attractions to make the MotorFest a great day out for all the family.

"The Concours de Elegance competition will once again see some of the really top class vehicles at the MotorFest in a special display in Coronation Park."

If you have a vintage, classic, competition or exciting car or motorcycle that you would like to display at the MotorFest, and or the Concours de Elegance please go to www.ormskirkmotorfest.com.

Organisers are still looking for sponsors to help with this year's event. If you are interested then please contact Colin Brady at colin.brady@westlancs.gov.uk or on 01695 585125.

The Ormskirk MotorFest links in with the Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy, one of the aims of which is to have more events in Ormskirk town centre.

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Edge Hill awarded gold rating for teaching

EDGE Hill University has achieved gold, the highest rating in the national Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) for delivering 'consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students'.

The gold award, which has been given to fewer than one third of universities nationally and only three in the North West, indicates that teaching at Edge Hill is of 'the highest quality found in the UK.'

The TEF was introduced by the government to build evidence about the performance of the UK's world-class higher education sector, complementing the existing Research Excellence Framework with an analysis of teaching and learning outcomes.

The awards were decided by an independent TEF panel of experts, including academics, students and employer representatives.

The TEF measures teaching excellence in three key areas:

Teaching quality: Teaching that stimulates and challenges students, and maximises their engagement with their studies.

Learning environment: The effectiveness of resources and activities (such as libraries, laboratories and work experience) which support learning and improve retention, progression and attainment.

Dr John Cater

Student outcomes: The extent to which all students achieve their educational and professional goals, in particular those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The specific findings for Edge Hill University indicate that "students from diverse backgrounds achieve consistently outstanding outcomes" and that "very high proportions of students continue with their studies and progress to employment or further study."

The findings also acknowledge "very high levels of student satisfaction with 'teaching on my course' and outstanding levels of satisfaction with 'assessment and feedback', and 'academic support', notably exceeding the provider benchmark."

Dr John Cater, vice-chancellor at Edge Hill University, said: "I am delighted that Edge Hill's strategic focus on employability and nurturing institutional culture has been recognised with a gold rating from the TEF panel. Colleagues from across the university all play a part in achieving and maintaining this gold standard and I am grateful to every one of them."

Madeleine Atkins, chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England, said: "The UK already has a high bar for quality and standards, which all universities and colleges must meet. But the TEF judges excellence above and beyond this, clearly showing the highest levels across the sector.

"The TEF measures the things that students themselves say they care about: high-quality, engaged teaching and a supportive, stimulating learning environment which equips them with the knowledge and skills they need to achieve their potential, and then to progress to a good job or further study."

Civic couple to attend MTT open day

THE Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, will attend the Merseyside Transport Trust annual open day at the Tollgate Road, industrial estate, Burscough on Sunday, July 9 from 1pm.

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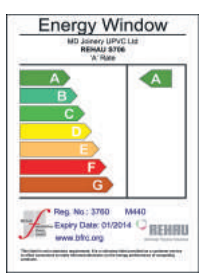

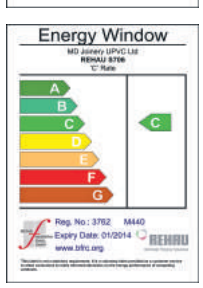

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Pupils and staff at Hillside Community Primary School which has been rated as 'outstanding' in all areas by government inspectors

Inspectors award school top marks

STAFF and pupils at a West Lancs primary school are celebrating after being rated 'outstanding' in all areas in a report by government inspectors.

The Ofsted report on Hillside Community Primary in Skelmersdale follows its inspection earlier this year.

Inspectors declared the school's motto of 'Together we can shine' "could not be more appropriate" and they said leaders, staff and pupils all shined in this "outstanding" school.

The headteacher and senior leadership team of the school in Egerton, Tanhouse were praised for providing "exceptional leadership."

The inspectors also said that teaching is "highly effective" and added, "staff know the pupils very well and ensure that the work that they set provides each pupil with the right degree of challenge."

Hillside's learning environment was also noted as "exceptional".

Headteacher, Angela Aspinwall-Livesey, said: "The report is a delight to read and praises the hard work, commitment and excellence of all our staff - teaching and non-teaching - our governing body and the absolute brilliance of our wonderful children.

"I find it hard to highlight individual sentences and paragraphs as everything is so marvellous - absolutely stunning, in fact. I don't think it could have been any better if I had written it myself!

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic staff for all they do for the children in their care.

"I would also like to thank parents for the support that they have given to the school on a day-to-day basis. It is very much appreciated."

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Decision to charge six over Hillsborough welcomed as 'the beginning of the end'

Report by **Tom Martin**

AFTER 28 years of fighting for truth and justice, families of the 96 Hillsborough victims say a decision to charge six people over the disaster is "the beginning of the end."

Former chief superintendent David Duckenfield will face 95 charges of manslaughter and five other senior figures will also be prosecuted over the tragedy. Mr Duckenfield, now 72, was match commander at the FA Cup semi-final when 96 Liverpool fans were fatally injured in a crush.

Margaret Aspinall, chair of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, said: "No-one should have to go through what the families have gone through for 28 years to try and get to the truth and to get accountability. What has now been achieved will change things for the good of this nation and I think that's the legacy of our 96."

Former South Yorkshire Police chief inspector, Sir Norman Bettison, faces four charges of misconduct in a public office relating to alleged lies he told in the aftermath about the culpability of fans; while former chief superintendent Donald Denton and former detective chief inspector Alan Foster are accused of perverting the course of justice.

Graham Mackrell, former club secretary at Sheffield Wednesday, is accused of breaching health and safety at sports grounds legislation, and Peter Metcalf, who was a solicitor acting for South Yorkshire Police, is charged with perverting the course of justice, relating to changes to witness statements.

A joint statement by Metro Mayor of Liverpool, Steve Rotheram and Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, said: "The fact this day has happened is down to the extraordinary determination and dignity of the Hillsborough families in their pursuit of truth and justice.

Margaret Aspinall

"Without seeking to prejudge what will now happen, it is surely right that there will now be accountability for what happened on the day and for the cover up that followed. Justice will now at long last take its course."

Meanwhile West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, also welcomed what she called the "significant decision to hold people to account in court for their actions on that fateful day".

No organisation will face corporate charges and no-one from the ambulance service will be charged.

The defendants, other than Mr Duckenfield, will appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, August 9.

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Report aims to give county's mental health patients a voice

HEALTHWATCH Lancashire, the public voice on health and social care, has published a new report about the experiences of mental health patients across the county and the issues that they face.

The report, 'Access to mental health services', forms part of a three-month project aimed at giving service providers insight in to what the public know and feel about mental health and the services available to them.

Its finding show that:

•More than half of those interviewed said that they had self-harmed, with the highest percentage aged 36 to 45 years.

•Almost two-thirds said the information on mental health and services is not accessible and helpful.

•Almost seven out of 10 said it would be helpful to have more online/app services to support with mental health.

•Almost one in five said that their mental health is being affected by employment, either current or lack of.

The project saw staff and volunteers from Healthwatch engaging with people in a variety of settings and speaking to a range of groups, including young people, LGBT groups and learning disability groups, as well as revisiting some groups from the previous homelessness and deprivation project.

Sheralee Turner-Birchall, chief executive at Healthwatch Lancashire, said: "We are here to make sure all people in our communities are listened to and this project gives a voice to those who suffer with mental health, have done in the past, or know a relative or friend who has.

"This report identifies areas where mental health services, or access to these services, can be improved based on the views of those who are using them. It will enable us to challenge providers about mental health services off the back of significant intelligence we have received to suggest that things do indeed need to be improved."

Police chief signs off

LANCASHIRE Constabulary's chief constable for the last 12 years has retired after more than 40 years in the force.

Steve Finnigan joined Merseyside Police in June 1976 and held various operational and strategic roles across the area for almost 25 years.

During his time in Merseyside he was involved in many significant events, including the Toxteth riots in 1981 and 1985, the miners' strike in 1984 and the murder of James Bulger in 1993.

In January 2001, he joined Lancashire Constabulary as assistant chief constable, was promoted to deputy chief constable in July 2002 and was appointed as temporary chief constable in February 2005 before being confirmed in the role in March 2007.

In 2006 Lancashire Constabulary was the only force (of 43) awarded an 'excellent' grade by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) for their approach to neighbourhood policing and criminal justice; and in 2007 it was named joint top-performing force in the country.

Mr Finnigan was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2006 for services to policing and became a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in June 2010.

He said: "I can honestly say it has been a huge honour and privilege to lead this organisation which is full of great people committed to providing first-class public service to the people of Lancashire.

"I leave the constabulary in the best possible hands. Andy Rhodes has a long and proud record serving in Lancashire, and most recently has been an outstanding deputy chief constable.

"Andy will ensure the hard-earned reputation of the constabulary, as one of the very top performing forces in the country, will be built upon. All our staff and the people of Lancashire, can feel confident that they have a first-class leader who will take this organisation from strength to strength."

● *Following his retirement Mr Finnigan is taking on a new role as Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire - see story Page 24.*

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Parents, schools and community need to work together to make Ormskirk a drugs-free area

RE: 'A growing problem to deal with in schools' (Letters, June 21) this sums up my thoughts on this drug.

The day after reading the letter, my husband, my five-year-old child and I were walking through Coronation Park at about 4.30pm. We decided to take the exits behind the bowling green only to come across three or four boys in school uniform, aged 13 or 14, standing around a seated boy who had a large bag of cannabis.

They looked up at us walking past but didn't seem to be too concerned and didn't even try to conceal it.

Both my husband and I knew what it was but luckily my child was not aware of what was happening.

It makes me realise that this is becoming a very scary fact of life and I wonder the following - where have they got this from?; where do they get the money from; and surely parents would be aware if their child came home after smoking dope?

I informed the school that they represented only to be told they do not have a drugs problem and would I be able to describe them.

I agree with your letter writer that parents need to keep more of a check on youngsters and that young people need to actively engage in organised activities.

Although the park has a camera and the specials patrol through the park, there are just too many places that they can hide, but this can also drive them underground.

Come on parents, wake up and smell the coffee! And schools, your role is vitally important too, perhaps you too need to work with parents and the wider community in making Ormskirk a drugs-free area.

Worried resident, Ormskirk, by email

What Tawd Valley needs is working CCTV cameras to deter litter louts

I WOULD like to suggest that the proposed improvements to Tawd Valley include prominent CCTV cameras that actually work, which can overlook bridges and other areas where supermarket trolleys are thrown into the river on a regular basis.

This may not solve the problem but at least will show the idiots involved that Big Brother is watching!

Another area that needs control is further along the river where it passes through Birch Green, Skelmersdale.

This offers a steep embankment guarded by low railings, which provides unscrupulous householders a golden opportunity for disposing of old furniture single beds, mattresses, old paint tins and the ever-ubiquitous fridges that constantly appear.

Having been heaved over the 'guard' railings, these items eventually slide into the river causing blockages and further pollution.

There was a time, long-gone now, when Birch Green and other areas of this town were nicely landscaped and a pleasure to walk through. The natural beauty can still be found but a lot of it is marred by unsympathetic residents - possibly the ones who were never taught by their own parents to dispose of litter properly.

There are still many youngsters who live in the area who go out to play and munch their way through endless bags of crisps and bars of chocolate. The wrappers of these items then mark the way back home for them in case the little dears ever get lost.

These wrappers are, of course, also close companions to the many scattered glass beer bottles of high strength drink which have been also laid as a find-your-way-home trail by the stumble bums who reside here in this wasteland of litter-loving zombies.

Skelmersdale resident, by email

PICTURE of the week

Raring to go: Serena with her pet dog Bobbi were keen to impress the judges at last Friday's Ainsdale Horticultural Society Pet Show. They went on to win a third place rosette. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Town-centre parking problem requires thinking outside box

TO solve the problem of car parking in town centres we ought to think outside the box or have blue sky thinking.

Paid-for car parks in Ormskirk and hospitals where a fee is charged, are already full so what would it be like if both were free?

To help towns such as Ormskirk I would suggest that companies such as supermarkets should charge for car parking and pass their fees to local councils.

This would help with local authority finances and help town centres.

Another problem is cars parked on pavements. It is about time this was made a criminal offence.

Unfortunately we have a government that is actively encouraging car use by reducing fuel excise duty whilst causing rail fares to increase by near 30 per cent since 2010, and being responsible for the decimation of local bus services.

To compound the problem we have a chancellor who, when transport secretary, declared that the war on the motor car was over.

J. M. Berry, Aughton

Colourful efforts of unsung hero put councils to shame

THERE have been many complaints and letters in the Champion recently about the state of the grass verges and roundabouts in our lovely area of West Lancashire. There is one unsung hero who single-handedly puts our council to shame.

That is the man who lives in the cottage next door to the Beaufort Care Home on the A59, just outside Burscough.

His cottage is a blaze of colour at the moment with flowers and his scarecrow couple brighten up every motorist's day!

At Christmas his cottage is ablaze with fairy lights, reindeer, Father Christmas and stars.

The effort he makes should not go unrecognised and I would like to say a very big thank-you, through your paper, for all the hard work and expense he goes to each year.

K. Isherwood, Ormskirk

A haven in a faltering, unjust world

ORMSMIRK has been historically a market town where traders come twice a week to sell their wares. More recently it has been inundated by students at the local university, Edge Hill.

Despite the decline of family businesses no longer able to survive against the rapid growth of out-of-town superstores, Ormskirk itself has still managed to retain character albeit mainly through charity shops and eating and drinking establishments.

The centre is still a pleasant, pedestrianised place where shoppers and visitors can meet with friends or recognise neighbours and fall into easy chatting.

Looking outward in any direction West Lancashire is protected from extreme winter weathers by the fells in the north, Pennines to the east and Welsh hills to the south west. The coast itself gives a variety of seaside visits without needing to travel more than relatively short distances.

The proximity to beautiful countryside means one can have a good day out to the Lake District in the north, the Trough of Bowland in the north east and just across the Pennines into Yorkshire and further south east into Derbyshire.

If, on the other hand, one wanted city opportunities, Liverpool, home of sea trade and The Beatles, with its pierhead, ferry rides on the Mersey, museums, theatres and many attractions, is only a short train ride away.

We have excellent agricultural land to grow food and provide land for grazing. It is flat generally but a short walk or drive to the top of Clieve Hills provides tremendous views of miles around.

I never ever regret moving here 46 years ago and not a day goes by when I don't recognise how lucky I am to live in this beautiful part of the world where country walks with my dog can give me a special kind of peace away from the dangerous tread of the outside world.

Judy Ingman, Aughton

Why is ours the forgotten village?

I TOTALLY agree with the letter by J. G (Champion, June 28) about Up Holland, headed 'What has West Lancs Council ever done for us?'

This is so true. Why does West Lancs Council never care about us here in Up Holland? We never get anything done, we are the forgotten village.

They don't even cut communal grass as often now, due to cutbacks they say, and when they do they leave it lying around which looks a total mess for us residents to clear up.

I have lived here 21 years and in all that time have never had a new bathroom fitted. Some have been here longer and never had one. What's going on?

We were also the last to get double-glazed doors and windows, it's just not on.

Why don't West Lancs Council care about the people of Up Holland? They would have something to say if we didn't pay our bedroom tax, rents and council Tax but don't want to do anything for it.

I have had damp in my flat since I moved in and paper peeling off the wall in one of the bedrooms, and have never got anything done because they say it's condensation.

Come on, West Lancs Council, give the people of Up Holland a thought for once. Wigan Council are apparently so much better and get things done - take a leaf out of their book West Lancs.

Sharron, Up Holland, by email

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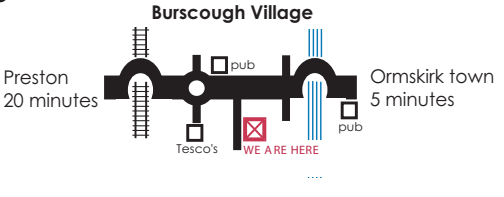

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Green Fayre is highlight of packed parks programme

WEST Lancs Council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service has a packed programme of events lined up in July, including the annual Green Fayre on Saturday and Sunday, 22 and 23.

Wimbledon will be in full swing in the first two weeks of the month and anyone affected by the tennis bug can head for the Ormskirk Tennis Festival at Coronation Park on Saturday, July 8 between 11am and 4pm.

This family event offers residents a chance to try the game, take part in fun competitions, test their fitness by playing cardio tennis and enjoy other activities. Refreshments will also be available, and there will be performances by Sound Affects Music Studios throughout the day.

On Saturday, July 15 you can buzz along to a Bee Safari around Beacon Country Park with rangers and experts from Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Plan Bee project.

No booking is required just meet at the visitor centre at 2pm to find out more about local bees, their importance and what people can do to help them.

Then on Sunday, July 16 the Ranger Service will be leading a seven-mile loop walk around Halsall, starting and finishing at the car park of the Saracens Head pub.

Dave Tilleray

And on Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, Beacon Country Park once again hosts the Green Fayre, a celebration of the countryside and countryside living.

Thousands of people are expected to enjoy a huge range of wonderful attractions and family entertainment. There will be jousting, birds of prey displays, farm animals, Viking encampments, craft demonstrations, chainsaw carving, music, dog shows, caving, archery, bouncy castles, a climbing wall and much more.

The show is free to enter and will be open from 11am to 5pm on both days. For more information on the Green Fayre visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/green-fayre

A busy month continues with the start of the West Lancashire Walking Festival and the summer junior rangers events.

And the summer music festival also starts in July.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing, said: "July is a fantastic month at our parks and countryside sites with a wide range of events offering something for everybody to enjoy. There are walks, talks, conservation days and fun days like the Green Fayre, the biggest event in the parks and countryside programme, so get down to your local park and join in with the fun."

For the organised walks children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. When attending park and countryside events you should ensure that you wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather, ground conditions and the planned activity.

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Support still available for those affected by terror attack

POLICE and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw is reminding people that ongoing specialist support is available for victims of the Manchester Arena terror attack.

Lancashire Victim Services (LVS) offers emotional support and counselling to help victims recover and come to terms with what has happened and also to those who are supporting family members, children or friends who were caught up in events that night.

Mr Grunshaw said: "I established Lancashire Victim Services and Nest Lancashire to ensure that anyone affected by crime can access specialist support in a way that suits them best.

"Anyone who has been caught up in the awful attack on Manchester can get the support they need through the service and I would urge anyone affected to contact Lancashire Victim Services to access the expert help and support available."

Images

Ellen Miller, service director for LVS, added: "We know that attacks like the one in Manchester have a huge impact on victims and those who witness events unfold.

"Worryingly, some, particularly young people, are constantly looking at images and stories online, effectively re-traumatising themselves.

"We are here to provide emotional support, information and practical help to anyone affected for as long as they need it."

Anyone affected living in Lancashire can call Lancashire Victim Services (LVS) on 0300 323 085, or Nest Lancashire on 0300 111 0323.

Foster carers recognised with awards ceremony

FOSTER parents from across Lancashire have been honoured at an awards ceremony recognising their efforts.

The event saw awards presented in five categories with the winners nominated by Lancashire County Council's fostering team and other foster carers. The nominees had previously won in their local areas.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, who presented awards, said: "I'm delighted to recognise the incredible efforts made by our foster carers.

"I'd like to say a big well done to all of our winners. I know that competition was fierce and our judges certainly had their work cut out.

"All of our foster carers, and certainly not just the winners of the awards, work tirelessly to improve the lives of looked after children in Lancashire and this ceremony is about celebrating their achievements.

'Massive difference'

"They have all opened up their hearts and their homes to provide children with a secure and loving place to live, and they make a massive difference in improving children's lives each day."

The county council is currently recruiting new people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together and teenagers.

No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all that is required is a spare room and the desire to make a difference to a local child's life.

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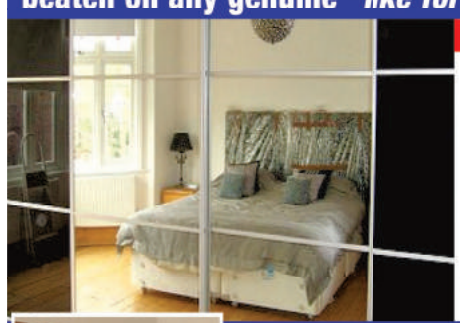

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‘Bee-keep’ up the good work, says insect plagued homeowner!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN Ormskirk resident has praised a beekeepers' association for removing a swarm from his garden – alive!

After being alerted to the swarm of bees in his garden, Champion reader, Barrie Moreton, rang the Ormskirk and Croston Beekeepers Association for help.

And less than half-an-hour after his call, association, member Brian arrived at Barrie’s home and harmlessly collected the insects.

Barrie said: “The binmen knocked on my door last week to tell me that there was a swarm of bees in the bush in the front garden – and it looked a bit scary

“It was the first swarm that I have seen and I was worried for people passing by. It was hanging on a bush next to the pavement and at head height.

“I thought that something needed to be done quickly, but I didn’t want them to kill the bees.

“Brian came within half-an-hour of my call and calmly swept the bees into a box and set it up on the lawn.

“We watched the flying bees drop into the box, and around 10pm he came back when all the bees were in bed and took them to a new home in his garden.

One of the swarms safely removed by the Ormskirk and Croston Beekeepers Association

“I would like to thank Brian for his help, he was brilliant. And I’d recommend this site to others who may notice a swarm, and like me, don’t know what to do.”

The Ormskirk-based group is made up of local beekeepers who meet to discuss issues; help the public; offer swarm collection services and provide information and encouragement for beekeepers. For more info visit ormskirkbeekeepers.org.uk

Pub to stage 17-day cider festival

CIDER enthusiasts will be able to try a range of drinks from across the UK at a 17-day festival at an Ormskirk pub.

Staff at The Court Leet in Wheatsheaf Walk will be offering a one-off selection from Friday, July 7 to Sunday, July 23, which will include ciders made with elderflower, strawberry and rum and raisin, as well as toffee-apple and ginger, lychee and ginseng.

Pub manager, Lisa Newton, said: “The Court Leet will be offering a superb selection of craft ciders during the festival which we believe will appeal to all cider-lovers.”

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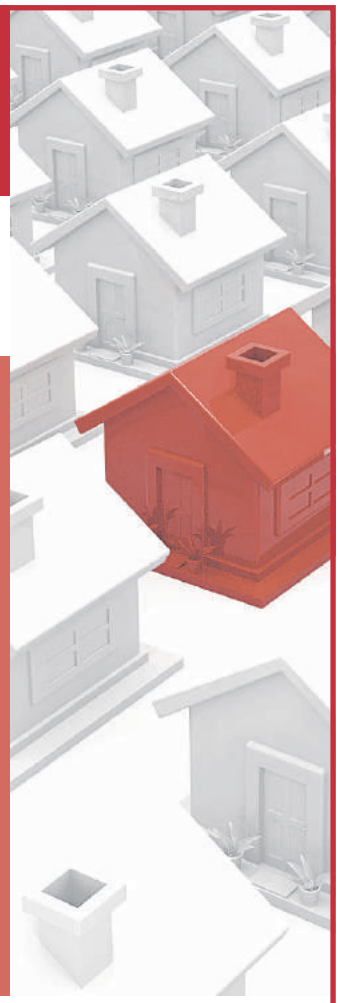

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A coastal rescue squad from the RNLI helped the youngsters from Burscough Village Primary School to learn more about what the charity does during a visit to the school in Colburne Close.

Veronica Bennett, one of the organisers of the event, said: "The RNLI Lifeguards offered our pupils the opportunity to participate in a beach safety presentation. They brought along one of their vehicles and after the presentation, the pupils were able to get on the vehicle and have a look around."

Plans to merge county coroner's services

PLANS have been put forward to join-up coroners services in Lancashire 'to provide a consistent service to bereaved families'.

Lancashire County Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council have put forward proposals that would merge the service in Blackburn with Darwen, Hyndburn and Ribble Valley; Preston and West Lancashire; and East Lancashire.

Formal consultation on the proposal will be carried out by the Ministry of Justice and it is hoped approval could be received before the end of the year.

Dr James Adeley, HM Coroner for Lancashire, said: "The larger service will make use of improved technology including a new database, ensuring that documentation is provided and shared electronically via secure sites."

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Residents rubbish 'double' bin charge!

ELDERLY residents at a sheltered housing complex claim they are being unfairly charged for the council's recently-introduced green bin service.

They argue that as they already pay the authority a service charge for garden maintenance, it's not fair to have them make a second payment.

A number of residents at Cross Hall Court in Wigan Road, Ormskirk were unhappy with the level of garden maintenance provided by the council and began doing their own.

The council say that the maintenance service charge is a separate issue and if the residents wish to use the green waste service they must pay up like everyone else.

One of the residents, Ronald Harrison, said: "We haven't received any communication asking us to pay the charge and the first we knew was when yellow and black stickers appeared on the bins on the normal Thursday collection day.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

"The scheme manager rang the council and they told her we would have to pay the charge.

Nonsense

"This makes no sense. The gardens belong to the council and we already pay a service charge for them to be maintained.

"Our gardening efforts simply enhance what the council do. Besides, there are 41 flats here, who do they expect to pay this charge?"

A spokesperson for West Borough Council commented: "The council's grounds maintenance team provides a service to ensure that the overall upkeep of the communal gardens in sheltered schemes is of a good standard.

"The fee for this service is included in the general service charge that tenants pay with their rent.

"If residents wish to undertake additional maintenance, they will need to dispose of any garden waste produced and so may wish to subscribe to the council's £30 garden waste collection service."

For more info about refuse and recyling for West Lancs visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/refuse-recycling.

Ian Davis from Our West Lancashire (left) with Ronald Harrison, Cross Hall Court resident, next to a border that they say is maintained by the council

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Chief constable is appointed Lancs Deputy Lieutenant

Report by **Henry James**

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The function of a Deputy Lieutenant is to assist the Lord-Lieutenant, who is Her Majesty's personal representative in a county or area, in carrying out his public duties.

Retiring Chief Constable Steve Finnigan

Lord Shuttleworth said: "Mr Finnigan retires as Chief Constable of Lancashire after a long and successful time in that office on June 29, and it is entirely fitting that he is able and willing to continue to serve the County of Lancashire as a Deputy Lieutenant.

"His skills and experience will be invaluable."

"I am so pleased that he has agreed to join the Lieutenancy, and will be available to support me and help with the many organisations and people with which the Lieutenancy works."

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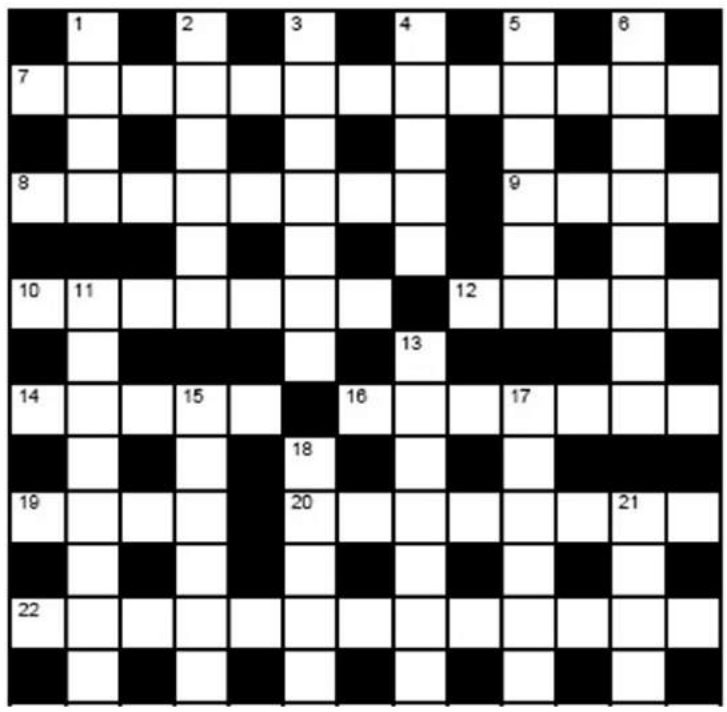

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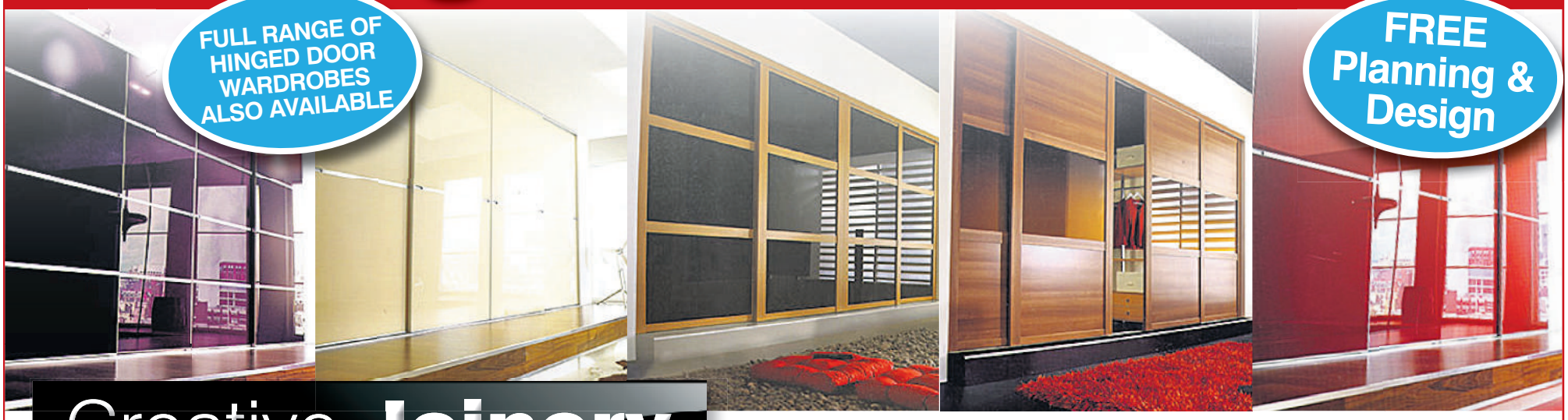

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Village carnival's a crowd-pleaser

THE sun shone and residents and visitors came out in numbers to support the 44th Westhead Carnival.

The event started on Thursday, June 29 and continued into the weekend with the main procession and crowning of the Carnival Queen on Saturday, July 1.

The procession started from Crosshall Brow at 12.30pm before making its way to the playing field at Westhead Lathom St James CE Primary where there was lots to entertain the crowds.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey, performed the official opening ceremony and attractions included stalls, vintage cars, a dog show, a brass band, ukuleles, a singer, a children's entertainer, and a performance by the Spartac disabled gymnasts group.

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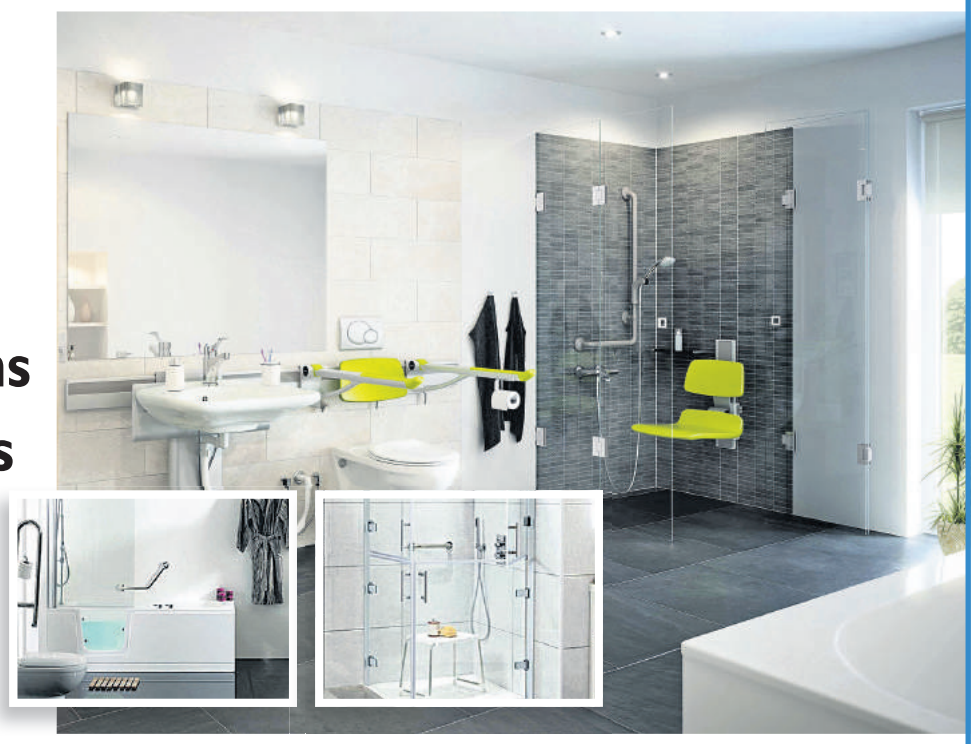

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Greaves Hall was built in 1900 and was briefly used as a school in the 1930s before housing a hospital which closed in the early 1990s. It was demolished following arson attacks in 2009.

Outline consent for residential and employment uses was agreed in 2014 at the site, which has been vacant since the early 1990s, but complications to overcome since the granting of outline consent included issues over access proposals and affordable housing provision.

The scheme includes a new car park for St Stephen's Primary School, the provision of footpaths and lighting to key local roads and more than seven acres of public open space.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Mike O'Brien, director of planning at agents, Hourigan Connolly, said: "The original outline planning application attracted local opposition so we are very pleased to obtain a positive committee resolution from the council for the proposals.

"This will enable the delivery of much-needed housing on a long-term vacant brownfield site, alongside employment development as well as infrastructure for the local community."

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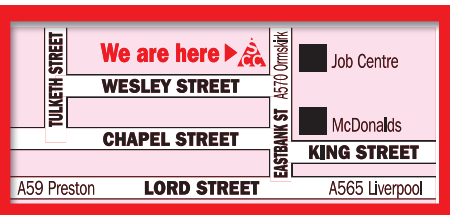

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In summers past the sun always shone - and you didn't have to wait long for a bus!

I AM writing this on a hot Sunday afternoon having just arrived back home from a visit to Southport.

Standing at my local bus stop on my outward journey, I was reminded of summer weekends years ago, when, of course, the sun always shone and it never rained.

But there, alas, was where the similarity came to an end. Back in the early 1950s, on such a fine day as this there would have been quite a crowd at the bus stop - and I'm afraid just me at a bus stop doth not a crowd make.

And when the bus came, despite having a fair complement of passengers, it hardly compared with those childhood days I remembered.

Also, it only had just over 40 seats in the first place whereas its 1950s equivalent was a 53-seat double-decker. And when it appeared, it would have sailed straight past the stop!

It would have been a 'three bells' - the conductor would have given the driver a three-bell signal, meaning the bus was full, so not to stop to pick anybody else up.

Not to worry though, within a minute or two another bus would appear - and more often than not pull off the same trick!

But within minutes a third 'duplicate' would trundle up and we would be safely on our way.

It didn't go quite the same way to Southport either. The present route omits a couple of villages, deemed either unprofitable or involving narrow lanes unsuitable for modern, large, single-deckers.

My Southport trip was purely to buy food, for me and the dogs, Tina and Cinders. But I would have found it difficult to have retraced our usual route of long ago anyway. One favourite spot for a picnic was the outdoor lido, now unhappily consigned to that great swimming pool in the sky.

Then on to the Pleasure Beach. And yes, I know there is still one of those - and probably a very good one too. But I bet it doesn't include the Caterpillar upon which brother George and I started our adventure, or the genuine, petrol-powered cars on their concrete oval, or the Ghost Train and River Caves right by a passageway leading to Peter Pan's playground.

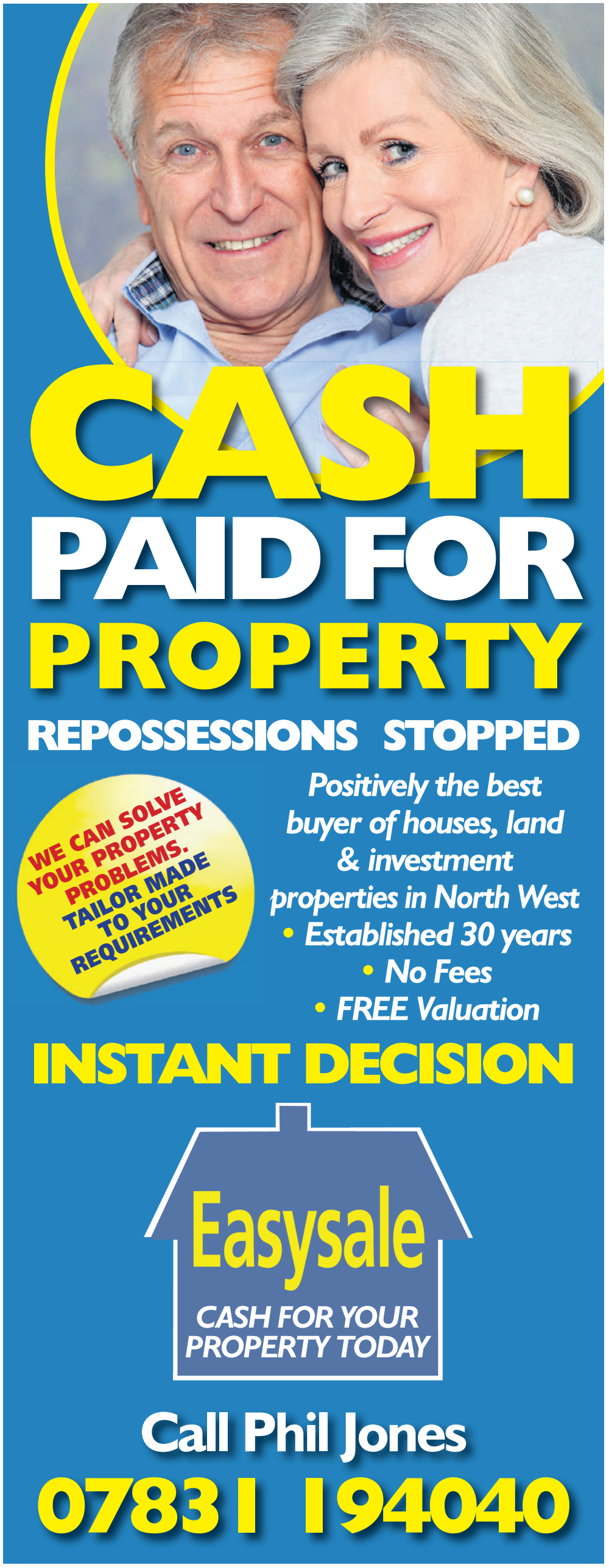
Now the latter was suitable only for tots, but also there (in the mid-1950s at any rate) was an indoor model railway which I loved. And it is the terminus of the Lakeside Miniature Railway. I wish I could have bought this when it was up for sale a few years ago, I fancy myself as a fairly thin Fat Controller.

Now I appreciate that time cannot and should not stand still for me or anyone else, but I sometimes wonder whether some of the pleasures of my boyhood might not still be appreciated by folk of today - if they had the chance.

I was reminded of one change on my bus home - the almost complete lack of children. In my day there were probably dozens of us, all extremely well-behaved naturally. Oh, yes we were!

I can't believe that thousands of parents didn't take their offspring to Southport on such a gorgeous early summer day as this.

I believe they did. But they didn't travel by bus.



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Care home residents enjoy nostalgic trip to seaside

CARE providers from West Lancs and Sefton teamed up to arrange a day out to the seaside for a group of elderly residents.

The outing was a result of Community Activities Hub launched this year by Athena Health Care Group's head of healthcare, Gaye Clark and events co-ordinator, Lesley Malone.

This aims to promote inspirational ideas with activity co-ordinators from care providers from across the North West invited to join up for activities that they would like to share.

Residents from Abbey Wood Lodge in Ormskirk, Parklands Lodge, Southport, Arranmore Park, Burscough, Aaron Crest in Skelmersdale and the Promenade Rest Home in Southport converged on the Queen's Royal Hotel in New Brighton for a fish and chips lunch.

Lesley Malone said: "It was lovely. The residents spoke of their holidays with their own families at New Brighton, which of course has always been a popular seaside destination."

Athena Healthcare Group are looking for more care homes to join the activity hub. If you run a care home in West Lancs or Sefton and are interested call Lesley on 01695 767778.

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Roy and Liz Wynne and Ray Jones celebrate the Merseyside Children's Holiday Fund's 50th anniversary

Holiday charity's golden milestone

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

VOLUNTEERS from a charity which takes disadvantaged children on holiday to North Wales every summer have celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Merseyside Children's Holiday Fund was set up by Aughton couple Roy and Liz Wynne in 1967. Each year, volunteers take more than 60 children aged four to 10 from disadvantaged families on holiday to Colomendy holiday camp near Mold.

Last year, one of the volunteers, Ray Jones, 58, from Cygnet Close, Aughton, was awarded the British Empire Medal in recognition of his efforts working with the charity for almost 40 years.

The BEM is awarded to people who have provided a 'hands-on' service to the local community, including long-term charity or voluntary work, or innovative projects that have made a difference.

To mark the golden milestone volunteers, including Roy and Liz Wynne, the group's chairman and secretary respectively, and Ray Jones, held a celebration complete with cake.

Liz Wynne said: "We held the party to celebrate 50 years of taking children to Colomendy. The charity has provided a holiday for thousands of children over the years thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers.

"The youngsters - many of whom have never had a holiday before - enjoy a week in the countryside with stimulating and exciting activities.

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The cast of Neighbourhood Watch

Comedy was well presented

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Neighbourhood Watch by Alan Ayckbourn
Mawdesley Amateur Dramatic Society
Mawdesley Village Hall

A NOVEL twist. We start with the ending first, a eulogy from Hilda Massie as she opens a Memorial Garden dedicated to her sadly departed brother, Martin. Two fine performances from Bridgett Welsh and Adrian Barradell.

Martin and Hilda have moved into a nice house on the posh Bluebell Hill Estate, but a sink estate has been built nearby and residents fear trouble from their new neighbours whom they deem to belong to the underclass ('full of drugs violence and incest'), so Martin sets up a neighbourhood watch to protect them all from invasion, the accepted idea being that the police are not interested.

A self-proclaimed, God-fearing pacifist, Martin's plans include turning the village into a gated community with razor-wired fences, security passes and the erection of stocks to punish 'wrong-doers'. Ex-security man, Rod, (a forceful performance by Finlay Robertson) advocates the issue of baseball bats as the first line of defence against marauders.

But it is the locals, characterised as smug Daily Mail readers, who cause more trouble than the 'neighbours from Hell'.

Luther (Toby Hewitt) batters Martin and regularly beats his wife, Magda (Olivia Lloyd), carrying on the tradition of her own father before him; Hilda McAughey plays the village gossip, Dorothy, to a tee, and Jonathan Llyons is Gareth, a mild-mannered wimp of a husband who is secretly studying sadistic medieval tortures to inflict on his glamorous but unfaithful wife, Amy.

Meanwhile, Amy (wonderfully played by Emma Mean), having tired of a brief affair with Luther, seduces Martin. This horrifies the religious bigot, Hilda, who realises she is losing control over her once celibate brother. Her response is to embark on a lesbian relationship with Magda, but only after having arranged to have Amy tarred and feathered by friends of Dorothy (a nice touch). A true Biblical punishment.

Martin meets his end when he is shot dead by police who mistakenly think he is waving a weapon at them when it is, in fact, his favourite garden gnome, inevitably called Jesus.

Neighbourhood Watch is one of Alan Ayckbourn's darkest comedies, revealing the repressed emotions that lie hidden underneath a veil of respectability, all well portrayed by the talented actors of the Mawdesley Amateur Dramatic Society.

Star Rating: 6 out of 10. One of Ayckbourn's darkest comedies.

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Jason Marc-Williams with Alistair Barron

Familiar faces in pantomime

TWO familiar faces are returning for panto this year at Southport theatre as the deliciously wicked Ugly Sisters in Cinderella.

Jason Marc-Williams, who played Dame Dolly Mixture in last year's Snow White, returns to don a dress once again, with Alistair Barron - who played Jingles the Jester in 2016 - moving over to the dark side as the other half of the dastardly duo who do everything they can to make poor Cinderella's life a misery.

2017 is a busy year for Jason as he is currently in the UK tour of Trespass and later this year he will be starring in the tour of the Ray Cooney farce, It Runs in the Family, before heading in to pantoland.

Jason said: "Alistair and I have been friends for five years now, in fact we are more like brothers, so it is hilarious that we are playing Ugly Sisters this year.

"This is our fourth consecutive panto season together, until now we have been dame and comic, but we have always talked about how much fun it would be to play Ugly Sisters together!"

Alistair added: "Jason and I are the very best of friends, I don't find him annoying in the slightest...! It is so nice to keep getting asked back to places to do panto with one another, but sometimes I wonder when I'm going to be able to get away from him!

"I am so excited to play the baddie. I have been the comic for the last three years which has been fun."

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POVEY JOAN

Susan, Brian and all the family would like to thank friends and relatives for their messages of sympathy and kind donations received in Joan's memory. Special thanks to all the staff at the Promenade Care Home for their kindness and care over the last few years, and especially during recent weeks. Also thank you to Reverend Sonya Marshall for the lovely service celebrating Joan's life and to Howard's Funeral Directors for their assistance and dignified funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

JOHNSON LYNNE

25th June 2017
Aged 53 years
Suddenly at home

Loving Mum of Lyndsay, much loved Sister of John. Lynne will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 6th July at 12:00 noon. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

McQUIRK RICHARD MICHAEL (MICK)

On 24th June 2017
Aged 67 years
Passed away quickly and peacefully in hospital after a long hard battle with Motor Neurone Disease.

Mick will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 6th July at 10:40 am. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1 – 5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

BOLTON SAMANTHA

26th June 2017
Peacefully at home, pain free, surrounded by her loving family

Much loved partner of Josh, devoted Mummy of Daisy and Lottie, adored Daughter-in-law of Joanne and Jason and a dear friend to many, will be very sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 7th July at 1.45pm. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for The Walton Neuro Centre. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868.

BOLTON SAMANTHA

On 26th June 2017

To my beautiful Fiancée Samantha, life will never be the same without you Princess. You reached a part of my heart that no one else could, I love you more than love itself. Time for your Mum to care for you as you have always cared for everyone else. Goodnight Princess,
Love Josh
XXX

BOLTON SAMANTHA

Aged 28

To our beautiful Daughter-in-law These words Jay and I write could never express the sadness and loss we feel. We loved you from the moment you entered our lives 10 years ago and will forever love you. Know that we will always keep your memory alive to our Daisy and Lottie. They will never forget their beautiful Mummy. Forever young my cherub
Love always
Jo and Jay
X X X

DEATHS

BOLTON SAM

Though her smile is gone forever,
and her hand we can not touch,
we still have so many memories
of the one we loved so much.

Her memory is now our keepsake, of which we will never part.
God has her in his keeping, we have her in our hearts.

Sleep tight Sam
Love Paula,
Chris & Brogan.

BOLTON SAMANTHA

On 26th June 2017

To Sam our beautiful Niece. You will be very sadly missed. Heaven is a cleaner place with you in it. Your Mum will take good care of you now,
Love Manda, Stu, Ella, James and Joe

BOLTON SAMANTHA

On 26th June 2017

Always loved,
never forgotten.
You'll be forever missed.
D, Marc and Liv
XXX

BOLTON SAMANTHA

26th June 2017

To my beautiful Sister-In-Law, Sam. Always on my mind & forever in my heart.
We will love you & miss you always.
Lots of love,
Joel & Nicole

DEATHS

SAMANTHA BOLTON

26th June 2017

My precious Sam.
Sleep tight now,
Your broken hearted
Nan Mena
XX

BOLTON SAM

My granddaughter beautiful inside and out
Love You Always
We will miss you forever
Nan Carol, Mal and Uncle John xx

Love you always Sam
Our Mum will look after you now
Stephen, Mica and family xx

BOLTON SAMANTHA

Our Beautiful Niece

A light went out on Earth for us the day we said goodbye. On that day a star was born, the brightest in the sky. Our Hearts will ache in sadness, and secret tears will flow, what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know
Rest in Peace Beautiful Lady.
Love
Julie, Ian, Shakira & Jordan
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DEATHS

BRISCOE DELYSIA (DEL)

24th June 2017
Age 72

Passed peacefully at home

Loving Mum to Stephen and Stewart and a very special Nan and Great Grandma to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

No words can ease the pain and sadness of losing you so suddenly.

Goodnight, God Bless
XX

Funeral to be held on Thursday 6 July 2017, 10.45am at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP. Rather than flowers, Del would have preferred you to make a donation to the PDSA.

EVANS REG

Died 23rd June 2017 aged 81 years after a short illness

Loving Husband of the late Val. Dearly loved Father of Gary and Carol. Adored Grandad of Lindsey and Kevin and a treasured Great Grandad. Dear Brother to Brian and Jim and Brother-in-Law to Jean, Mo, Ken and Jen. Special friend to Pat. Loved and missed by all who knew him. Private funeral by Regs' request. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Thursday 6th July. Please contact the family for further details.

DEATHS

HORNBY CHRISTOPHER JAMES

26th June 2017
Aged 49 years
With his family by his side

Dearly loved Son of Christine and Jim and big Brother to Kate. Brother-in-Law to Jason and special uncle to Tony, Katie, Danni, Charlie and Sophie. Funeral service to take place at All Saints Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Church, Hesketh Bank on Friday 7th July at 11:50 followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium at 1.20pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Douglas Cardiac Trust. Further enquiries to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Tel 01772 811165

COULTON JOSEPHINE

On 27th June 2017
Peacefully in Argyle Park Nursing Home
Aged 100 years

Beloved Wife of the late John, loving Mum of Ann and Susan. Josephine will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Leyland Road Methodist Church today Wednesday 5th July at 10.00am, followed by the interment at Duke St. Cemetery. Family flowers only by request, further enquiries please to M Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

FOSTER JAMES (JIMMY)

On 28th June 2017
Aged 85 years

Peacefully surrounded by his loving family Mary, John, Lynn, Paula and Kim. Dear Father in law, cherished Grandad and Great Grandad to all his Grandchildren and a dear friend to many. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 7th July at 10am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

DEATHS

CUNNINGHAM JAMES (Jim)

21st June 2017
Suddenly at home
aged 65 years

Loving Brother of Sue (Deceased) and John, much loved Uncle and a dear friend to many, will be sadly missed by all family, friends and work colleagues at ASDA. Funeral Service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 14th July at 10.00am. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for 'The British Heart Foundation.' All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

WALKER ANDREW (ANDY)

On 28th June 2017
Peacefully surrounded by his loving family
Aged 30 years

Loving Son of Pam and the late Gordon, dear Brother of David, a cherished Grandson and a friend to many. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Wednesday 12th July at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired are yet to be decided. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

MELLING ENID

29th June 2017
Peacefully in Hospital
aged 78 years
of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved partner of Stephen, loving Mum of Paul and Stephen, dear Mother-In-Law of Ree and Michaela and devoted Nan of Chloe, Megan and Katie. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Friday 7th July 2017 at 9:30am. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co., Independent family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scraisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

KEITH ANNE

25th June 2017
Passed away peacefully
Aged 91 years
of Haskayne

Former teacher of Our Lady's School, Lydiate. Loving Wife of the late Kenneth Keith. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's Church, Lydiate on Thursday 6th July at 11.00am, followed by Interment at St. Thomas' Churchyard, Lydiate. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired for Save The Children. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tele: 01695 424888

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4th July 2016

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SCHEDULE

(a) two plots of land at the southerly end of Glen Park Drive at the junction with Chapel Road (b) land at Ashbrook Close (c) three plots of land lying between Becconsall Gardens and Station Road. All plots of land are in Hesketh Bank Preston.

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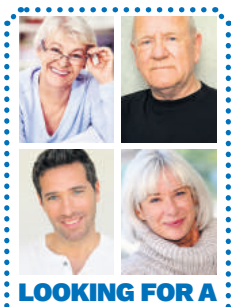
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Church Road, Bickerstaffe from Liverpool Road to Intake Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 10/07/2017 until 11/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A506 Liverpool Road - A570 Liverpool Road - Rainford Road - Intake Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
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[Ref: HRiT/7562/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGHER LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Higher Lane, Parbold from Alder Lane to Beacon Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 10/07/2017 until 11/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ash Brow - Cobbs Brow Lane - Cobbs Clough Road - Glenburn Road - Houghtons Road - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Ormskirk Road - Mill Lane - Beacon Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Beacon Lane, Parbold from Higher Lane to Mill Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 10/07/2017 until 11/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Higher Lane - Ash Brow - Cobbs Brow Lane - Cobbs Clough Road - Glenburn Road - Houghtons Road - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Newgate Road - Ormskirk Road - Mill Lane and vice versa.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PIMBO LANE, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pimbo Lane and Chequer Lane from St Helens Boundary to outside property number 103 Chequer Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 10/07/2017 until 11/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ravenhead Way - Stannought Road - Windmill Road - Newgate Road - Ormskirk Road - Dingle Road - Grove Road - Parliament Street - School Lane - (into Wigan) - Orrell Road - Moor Road - St James Road - Gantley Road - Crank Road - (into St Helens) - Pimbo Road.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ROBIN HOOD LANE, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington from Hall Lane to Hill House Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 13/07/2017 until 10/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Hall Lane - Moss Lane - Hill House Fold Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7560/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOUNDARY LANE, BECCONSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Boundary Lane, Becconsall from its junction with Fermor Road to its junction with Boundary Meanygate.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on 18/07/2017 until 1700 hours on 30/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane - Moss Lane - Hesketh Lane - Fermor Road - Boundary Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/8327/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/1166/FUL Change of existing pasture land to a golf facility incorporating a new floodlit driving range with covered practice bays and administration office; a nine hole par 3 golf course; an adventure golf course and parking provision. The proposals incorporate a rainwater water harvesting scheme for irrigation with an associated water storage lagoon together with significant planting and greatly increased biodiversity. The landscape works are to be undertaken using imported inert soils approved for use by the Environment Agency at Bridge Farm, Dale Lane, Northwood, Kirkby.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The application is accompanied by an environmental statement (a copy of which is available for inspection or purchase if required).
Application No: 2017/0541/FUL Erection of a one storey five bedroom house including associated garden, driveway and parking at Land Adjacent To, 67 Gorsey Lane, Banks.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0609/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replacement of first and ground floor softwood windows to front elevation and first floor windows to rear elevation at Lock Cottage, Carr Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2017/0622/FUL Single Storey extension to rear of property. Replace existing flat roof to garage with hipped Roof at Tweedside, 235 Liverpool Road, Rufford.
Application No: 2017/0639/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replace existing stone flags on ground floor with an in situ, insulated concrete floor. Replacement of any defective timber floor boards and joints, including lowering the sub floor void to improve ventilation and incorporating ventilation pipes. Timber joints to be shortened and reinstalled with either lead or dpc along with the provision of thermal insulation between the joints at Robinsons Farm, Cranes Lane, Lathom.
Application No: 2017/0640/FUL Provision of refrigeration and air conditioning plant and equipment. Erection of acoustic fence on site boundary at The Cockbeck Tavern, 58 Town Green Lane, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/0645/FUL New front stone boundary wall and associated gates and gate pillars at Stannanought Farm, Elmers Green Lane, Skelmersdale.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 5th July 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration — PDNOT954

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Bannister Lane, Wrightington from Bentley Lane to Whittle Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 12/07/2017 until 09/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Whittle Lane - Highmoor Lane - Robin Hood Lane - Hall Lane - Sparrow Hill - Parbold Hill - Lancaster Lane - Chorley Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7036/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COBBS BROW LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Cobbs Brow Lane from Ash Brow to Tabby's Nook.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 11/07/2017 until 08/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Course Lane - Hall Lane - Spa Lane - Stanley Way - Glenburn Road - Cobbs Clough Road - Cobbs Brow Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7565/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(NEW LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of New Lane, Burscough from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 2200 hours on 12/07/2017 until 0800 hours on 13/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- New Lane - Langley Road - Ringtail Road - Tollgate Road - B5242 Pippin Street - A59 Liverpool Road South - Red Cat Lane - Tarlescough Lane - Marsh Moss Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7573/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GREEN LANE, BISPHAM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Green Lane, Bispham from Hall Lane to Malt Kiln Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours to 1700 hours on 11/07/2017 until 08/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Maltkiln Lane - Chorley Road - Robin Lane - Hall Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Boundary Lane from Boundary Lane to Rydings Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on 10/07/2017 until 1700 hours on 16/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane - Rydings Lane - Marsh Road - Hundred End Lane - Boundary Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

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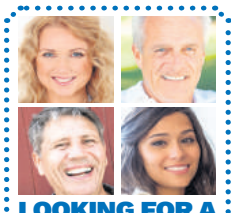

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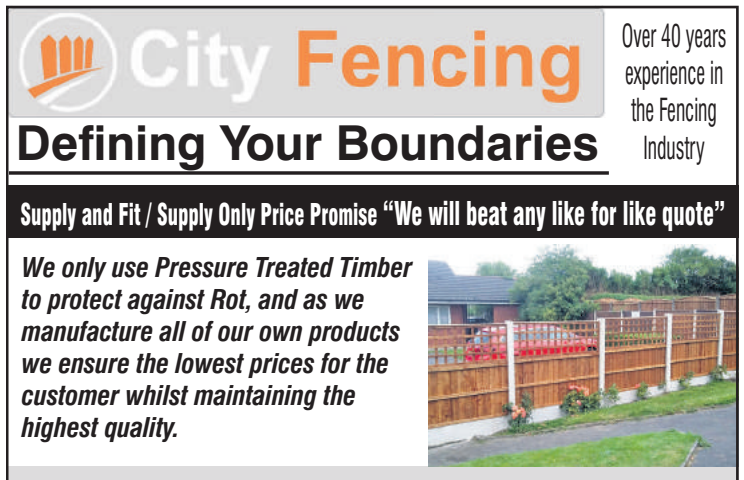
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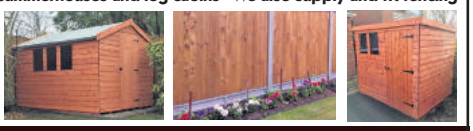
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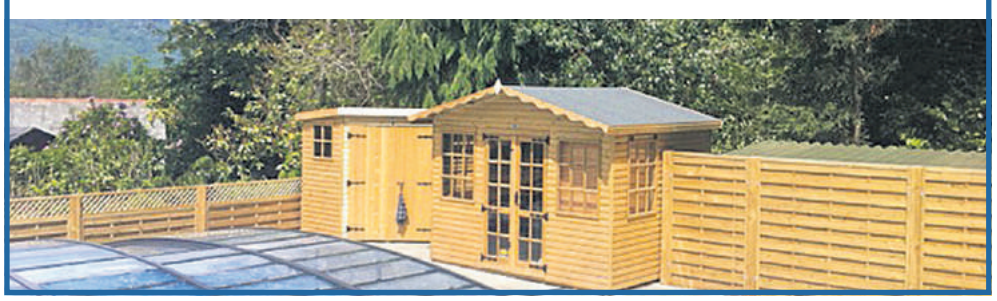

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M PAUSED reflectively for a moment. "The latest figures from the Minister of Defence have arrived. I'm afraid there are going to have be some changes for the 00-section".

There was a brief silence as the assembled MI6 bigwigs braced themselves for the bad news. They knew all along that austerity had been a fundamental part of Government policy for years, but they'd never expected it to hit Her Majesty's flagship network of foreign operatives directly. "I'm terribly sorry, but agents are just going to have to start flying Easyjet and Ryanair," M sighed with resignation. "And 007's certainly going to have to stop ordering all those blasted vodka martinis on expenses?"Q Branch, for all its years of jetpacks and exploding pens, was right in the firing line. But M drew a line when he picked up the Aston Martin brochure. "Happily, Aston Martin has realised budgets here are a little tighter than they used to be," he announced. "The DB11 was beginning to look a little unfeasible, but thanks to the changes they've made I think we might just be able to afford it."

M pointed out that for the past year or so the DB11's only been available with a twin-turbo 5.2-litre V12, accompanied by a rather hefty starting price of £157,900, something which even those pesky world domineering sorts with their hollowed-out volcanos and white cats are baulking at these days.

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11	Bmw 320 D M Sport Auto, 4 Doore,Leather,Msport Alloys, Fsh, In Blue.	£10495	£9990	£505
62	Bmw 116 Diesel 5 Dr,64000 Miles,Fsh,New 18" Alloys,Privacy Glass, In White.	£11995	£10990	£1005
12	Nissan Qashqai Dci 7 Seater, 1 Owner,38000 Miles,Fsh,Pan Roof, In White.	£12995	£11477	£1518
63	Mercedes A200 Cdi Sport 5 Door,White,Alloys,Cd Player,Fsh	£14495	£13990	£505
15	Mini Countryman Diesel Automatic 5 Dr, 1 Owner,6000 Miles,Alloys, In White.	£15995	£14490	£1505
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13	Audi A8 3.0 Tdi Quattro Sport Executive Auto, Fully Loaded,Fsh, In Grey.	£24995	£21990	£3005
65	Mercedes E220 Amg Line Auto Coupe,11000 Miles,Red Leather,Pan Roof	£27995	£24995	£3000

Reg	Model	Cash Price	Per Week
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61	Vw Golf 1.6 Tdi Bluemotion 5 Door,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Silver.	£6995	£28.83
59	Nissan Qashqai Dci, 50000 Miles,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Grey.	£6995	£28.83
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15	Vauxhall Meriva 1.4 5 Door, 1 Owner, 17000 Miles,Air Con, in White.	£7995	£33.00
12	Volvo V50 1.6 D Se Estate,1 Owner,Fsh,Leather,Alloys,	£7995	£38.00
65	Vauxhall Meriva 1.4 Exclusive, 1 Owner,24000 Miles,Air Con,Blue	£8190	
11	Nissan Qashqai 1.5 Dci, 62000 Miles,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Grey.	£8695	£36.52
62	Vauxhall Antara 2.2 Cdti Exclusive,29000 Miles,1/2 Leather,Alloys, In Black.	£9995	£43.25
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14	Volvo V40 1.6 D R Design 5 Dr, 1 Owner,55000 Miles, Fsh,Alloys	£11995	
62	Bmw 316 Diesel Estate,Leather,40000 Miles,Fsh,Privacy	£11995	
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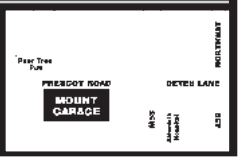

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Teenage trio save the day!

THREE 14 years olds played a massive part in an amazing win for Skelmersdale 2nd XI senior team against St Helens Town 2nd XI at the weekend.

St Helens were bowled out for 71, with three wickets and two catches for Chris Tromp and Abbie Wright claiming a wicket.

Excellent fielding by Callum Till meant the trio had already made an excellent contribution

Skem then slumped to 25 for 5 in reply and when the last batter Abbie Wright walked out to join Callum Till in the middle, Skem still need 15 runs to win. Victory for seemed unlikely but luckily for Skem, Abbie and Callum had other ideas. Under some intense pressure from the close fielders they remained calm and batted sensibly, blocking the good balls and picking up runs off the bad ones, eventually getting the 15 runs needed to give Skem an unlikely win.

Abbie Wright, Christopher Tromp and Callum Till.

Callum finished on 6 not out from 28 balls and Abbie 5 not out from 23 balls.

A club official said: "The youngsters put all the more experienced ex-first team batters to shame!"

Century for Lees can't prevent Ormskirk defeat

The 2017 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition reached the half-way stage last weekend, with Ormskirk (221 pts), Highfield (225 pts) and Liverpool (201 pts) leading the top three divisions, whilst bottom placed Southport & Birkdale (51 pts), Hightown St Mary's (37 pts) and Prescott & Odyssey (63 pts) have a lot of work to do in order to avoid relegation from their respective divisions.

In the Premier Division leaders Ormskirk suffered their first defeat of the campaign as they were beaten by eight wickets at defending champions Leigh.

Ormskirk recovered from 93-8 to reach 248, thanks to Ian Robinson (92) and a 66 ball century (102) from Scott Lees, with Lancashire's Karl Brown taking 7-93.

In reply, Derbyshire's Luis Reece (66) and Matty McKiernan (37) laid the foundation for Lewis Bailey (78*) and skipper Tom Foster (46*) to see the hosts to victory on 252-5, with Nick Caunce taking 3-53.

Northern moved up to second place with a last over victory at Ainsdale, the hosts were put in to bat and declared on 191-8, with skipper James Cole (42*), Chris Laker (36) and Justin Snow (32) all adding useful runs, whilst spinner Marty Farrell weighed in with 5-42 with the ball.

An hour was then lost to rain before skipper Andy Barlow (40), Mark Lucas (30), Darren Tyms (25) gave the hosts a glimmer of hope, but the loss of regular wickets proved costly with Tom Sephton 7-73 eventually sealing victory by removing Tom Wainwright (32) with the first ball of the final over to leave Ainsdale 15 runs short of victory on 177 all out.

Bootle slipped down to fourth place after an eight wicket defeat at New Brighton, the visitors were dismissed for just 85, with Louis C Botes 4-25 and Jaxom Rose 3- 12 in fine form with the ball

In reply, an unbeaten 40 from skipper Mark Rowland and 17 not out from Andrew Clarke led the hosts to victory on 89-2.

Southport & Birkdale are still searching for their first win of the season after a three wicket home defeat by Colwyn Bay, Chris Brownlow made 61 and Adam Phillips 35 as the hosts were dismissed for 139, with Paul Jenkins taking 6-66. In reply, the visitors slipped to 35-5 before rain washed out an hour's play, on resumption Little (45) and Higginson (38) got the visitors back in the match before Holtby (12*) and Roberts (10*) sealed victory on 140-7, with skipper Chris Firth taking 5-55.

Formby are just two points off the relegation zone after having the better of a rain affected home draw against Rainhill, the hosts chose to bat and thanks to Sam Oldham (103* inc 10x4 & 1x6), James Seward (45) and Luke Jones (41) were able to declare on 240-5 dec, with Akshay Darekar taking 3-56. In reply, Gary Keedy took 4-18 and Seward took five catches behind the stumps as the visitors hung on for the draw on 112-7.

Saturday fixtures: Colwyn Bay v Ainsdale, Northern v Lytham, Ormskirk v Formby, Highfield v Burscough, Hightown St Mary's v Newton le Willows, Sefton Park v Fleetwood Hesketh and Maghull v Southport Trinity.

Burscough make easy work of basement club Hightown after bundling them out for 41

IN the First Division Burscough inflicted a nine wicket home win over rock bottom Hightown St Mary's, thanks to Chris Andrews 4-11 and Rob Glaysher 4-22 who helped demolish the visitors for just 44, the hosts then raced to 45-1 to seal victory.

Skelmersdale were beaten by five wickets at Highfield.

Martyn Brierley top scored with 41 before he beacme one of seven victims for Madduma Lakmalas Skem posted a score of 166 all out in 50.1 overs.

Opener Michael Gaskell then scored 91 not out as to take Highfield to victory.

Fleetwood Hesketh were held to a rain affected draw at home against strugglers Birkenhead Park.

The visitors were put in to bat and thanks to a century from Naeem Islam (117) and 38 from skipper Mike Barnes were able to declare on 237-9, with skipper Tommy Wareing 3-59 and Owen Drummond 3-65 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply, an unbeaten 68 from Lee Bolton and 30 from Jack Wrigglesworth were the batting highlights for Fleetwood who ended on 131-5.

Maghull climbed up to third place in the Second Division with a 102 run win at St Helens. The visitors elected to bat and finally declared on 241-9, thanks to vital runs from Jon Ring (80), William Mashinge (52) and an unbeaten 28 from Declan Devine, with Danny Roberts taking 3-45.

In reply, the hosts slipped from 86-2 to 139 all out, with Liam Gibbons taking 5-29 and Liam Johnson 2-14.

Southport Trinity's Hayden McCrae hit his third century of the season (107 inc 18x4) and Mark Warren hit 45 as the hosts declared on 245-7 against Prescott & Odyssey.

In reply, Shaun Haigh (43) top scored for the visitors who ended on 161-7 in a rain affected draw at the Rookery.

Brogan vows to come back better after title fight loss

BOXER Steve Brogan failed in his bid to take the English lightweight title when he was stopped by Lee Appleyard at the Doncaster Dome on Saturday.

It proved unlucky fight number 13 for the 33-year-old as he suffered his first defeat in the pro ranks.

Having won 10 and drawn two of his 12 previous contests, Brogan had been hopeful of claiming the vacant crown following what he described as a good preparation.

However the Skelmersdale man was forced to take a standing count in the first round and was also down in the fifth before the bout was stopped in round six of the scheduled 10-rounder.

A disappointed but not despondent Steve felt his opponent, who was fighting just 10 miles down the road from his home in Rotherham, was allowed a bit too much licence by the referee.

However he told the Champion: "It's disappointing but that's boxing and this setback will only make me come back stronger next time.

"I believe I'm a better boxer and was winning the rounds until the stoppage which I felt was a bit premature."

Sutton to take over as Linnets manager

BURSCOUGH FC are set to go ahead with their proposals for a new ground after it was confirmed that it will not be 'called in' by the Secretary of State, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Club chairman Mike Swift said; "We will now move to complete the section 106 contract with the council so that the construction and commissioning phases can be scheduled."

Last season's director of football Dave Sutton is to take over the manager's role for the new season, although no announcement has been made about last season's manager Keith McCann leaving the club.

Sutton has experience as a manager, so be it around 20 years ago.

He was manager of Rochdale from 1991 until 1994 and an 18 month spell in charge of Chorley.

Linnets supporters will get a chance to look at Sutton's side this weekend (Saturday, July 8) when Nelson visit Victoria Park for a 3pm kick off.

Perhaps the most attractive encounters will be a pair of games at Victoria Park on Tuesday, July 11 against Southport and the following night Wednesday, July 12 against Everton U23s.

Everton U23s won the Premier League Two last season and David Unsworth's side contain many of those successful players again this season. One strong possibility is Ormskirk based England under 21 World Cup winner Kieren Dowell.

Added to all this, the transfer activity at Goodison at present could also mean a Premier League star appears. It could be a very interesting night.

Further Burscough games are at home to Litherland Remyca on Saturday, July 15 and Widnes at home on Saturday, July 22.

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